

**CHAP. 889.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Alabama to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Choctawhatchee River in Dale County on the highway now under construction from Dothan to Enterprise.

May 29, 1928.  
[H. R. 13651.]  
[Public, No. 599.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Alabama to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Choctawhatchee River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in Dale County, on the highway now being constructed from Dothan to Enterprise, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Choctawhatchee River.  
Alabama may bridge, in Dale County.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

**CHAP. 890.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to sell at private sale a portion of the Pointe Aux Herbes Lighthouse Reservation, Louisiana.

May 29, 1928.  
[H. R. 13651.]  
[Public, No. 600.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Commerce be, and is hereby, authorized to convey by quitclaim deed to the Louisiana Highway Commission the following-described property: A portion of the Pointe Aux Herbes Lighthouse Reservation, Louisiana, bounded on the south by the southern boundary of the reservation and on the north by Lake Pontchartrain, and extending two hundred feet on each side of a line running north thirteen degrees twenty-two minutes twenty seconds east, passing through a point on the southern boundary line of the reservation three hundred and ninety-three and thirty-six hundredths feet from its westerly end, approximately six and five-tenths acres.

Pointe Aux Herbes Lighthouse Reservation, La.  
Sale of portion of, to Louisiana Highway Commission.

Description.

SEC. 2. In consideration of the conveyance herein authorized, the Louisiana Highway Commission shall pay to the United States the sum of \$500, and all employees and officers of the United States, in the performance of their official duties, shall be allowed free passage across the New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge and its approaches and over the property herein described, in accordance with the right retained by the United States in an agreement of September 21, 1926, between the United States and the New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Company, authorizing the said bridge company to occupy that portion of the tract hereinbefore described, extending one hundred feet on each side of a line running north thirteen degrees twenty-two minutes twenty seconds east, through a point on the southern boundary line of the reservation three hundred and ninety-three and thirty-six hundredths feet from its westerly end; and any agreement entered into between the Louisiana Highway Commission and the New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Company or its successors or assigns authorizing the said bridge company or its successors or assigns to occupy the land to be conveyed under authority of this Act shall provide for this right of passage.

Sum to be paid.  
Free passage over New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge, etc., to United States employees.

SEC. 3. The New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Company and its successors and assigns shall have use for highway purposes and toll houses in connection with the operation of its bridge, of the tract to be conveyed under authority of this Act, without charge from the Louisiana Highway Commission. If, within sixty days from the passage of this Act, the Louisiana Highway Commission does not avail itself of the privilege of purchasing the said property, the con-

New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Company to use tract without charge.

Sale to Bridge Company if Highway Commission fails to purchase.

Sale by Bridge Company restricted.

Right of way from tract to bridge to be provided.

Deposit of proceeds.

Use of property restricted.

veyance shall be made by the Secretary of Commerce to the New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Company or its successors or assigns, for the consideration in section 2 of this Act and the New Orleans Pontchartrain Bridge Company or its successors or assigns shall not sell the said property to the Louisiana Highway Commission or to the State of Louisiana, for more than \$500.

SEC. 4. The grantee in any conveyance made under authority of this Act, and the successors and assigns of such grantee, shall provide a right of way one hundred feet wide from either side of the tract so conveyed to the road leading to the bridge for the purpose of giving to the present or future owners or occupants of land lying adjacent to either side of the said tract, access to the road from both its east and west sides; the southerly boundary of the said right of way to be at a distance of three hundred feet north of the south line of the present lighthouse reservation.

SEC. 5. The proceeds of the sale authorized by this Act shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 6. The property conveyed under the authority of this Act shall be used solely for highway purposes and for toll houses in connection with the operation of the Pontchartrain Bridge.

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[H. R. 13512.]

[Public, No. 601.]

**CHAP. 891.**—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to create the Inland Waterways Corporation for the purpose of carrying out the mandate and purpose of Congress, as expressed in sections 201 and 500 of the Transportation Act, and for other purposes," approved June 3, 1924.

Inland Waterways Corporation.  
Vol. 43, p. 360, amended.  
U. S. Code, p. 1685.

Capital stock increased.  
Subscription and payment by United States.

Additional sum authorized.  
Post, p. 1390.

Vol. 43, p. 361, amended.

Corporation to continue transportation facilities operated by Secretary of War.  
Vol. 41, p. 458.

Water carriage on the Mississippi above Saint Louis.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to create the Inland Waterways Corporation for the purpose of carrying out the mandate and purpose of Congress, as expressed in sections 201 and 500 of the Transportation Act, and for other purposes," approved June 3, 1924 (paragraph 152, chapter 5, title 49, Code of Laws of the United States; chapter 243, volume 43, page 360, United States Statutes at Large), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The capital stock of the corporation shall be \$15,000,000, all of which is hereby subscribed for by the United States. Such subscription shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, within the appropriations therefor, upon call from time to time by the Secretary of War. Upon any such payment a receipt therefor shall be issued by the corporation to the United States, and delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall be evidence of the stock ownership of the United States. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$10,000,000, in addition to the \$5,000,000 heretofore authorized, for the purpose of paying such subscription."

SEC. 2. That section 3 of said Act be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. (a) Until otherwise directed by Congress, the corporation shall continue the operation of the transportation and terminal facilities now being operated by or under the direction of the Secretary of War under section 201 of the Transportation Act, 1920, as amended, and shall continue to operate the facilities now being operated or that may hereafter be operated by it under the provisions of this Act; and shall, as soon as there is an improved channel sufficient to permit the same, initiate and continue the water carriage heretofore authorized by law upon the Mississippi River above Saint Louis.